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FM AMEMBASSY MONROVIA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 131

INFO AMEMBASSY FREETOWN

AMEMBASSY CONAKRY

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SUBJECT: GOL TO BRIEF NEIGHBORS ON KISSINGER VISIT

1. FONMIN DENNIS TOLD US ON THURSDAY, MAY 6 THAT PRESIDENT TOLBERT WOULD BE SENDING HIM TO FREETOWN AND CONAKRY "WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS TO BRIEF PRESIDENTS STEVENS AND TOURE ON THE INTERNATIONAL ASPECTS OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S VISIT TO AFRICA AND LIBERIA."

DENNIS TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT HE WOULD BE WILLING TO EXPRESS ON HIS GOVERNMENT'S BEHALF ANY VIEWS WHICH WE MIGHT WISH CONVEYED.

2. DENNIS CALLED LATE THIS MORNING TO INDICATE THAT HE WOULD BE DEPARTING FOR FREETOWN TODAY, FRIDAY, MAY 7 AND THE AMBASSADOR PREPARED A BRIEFING PAPER FOR DENNIS TO BE USED IN HIS CONVERSATIONS.

3. THE TALKING PAPER SUMMARIZED THE LUSAKA AND MONROVIA SPEECHES AND DWELT AT LENGTH ON THE NAIROBI UNCTAD SPEECH, UTILIZING TALKING POINTS LISTED IN STATE 110079.

4. THE AMBASSADOR PASSED OVER THESE TALKING POINTS TO THE FONMIN AND ANSWERED ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FROM DENNIS. AMONG THESE QUESTIONS WAS HOW SHOULD THE FONMIN HANDLE THE QUESTION OF WHT THE SECRETARY VISITED MONROVIA AND NOT FREETOWN AND CONAKRY. THE

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AMBASSADOR SUGGESTED THAT THERE ARE, OF COURSE, ONLY A LIMITED

NUMBER OF COUNTRIES WHICH COULD BE VISITED IN THE TIME ALLOCATION
AND THAT THESE HAD BEEN CAREFULLY SELECTED AS TO REGIONAL BALANCE
AND, OF COURSE, INCLUDED SOME OF OUR TRADITIONAL FRIENDS
AS WELL AS THOSE COUNTRIES CLOSE TO THE SOUTHERN AFRICA ISSUE.
AMBASSADOR SAID THAT IT WOULD BE HOPED THAT LEADERS SUCH AS PRESIDENT
TOLBERT WOULD BRIEF THEIR ASSOCIATES SO AS TO MULTIPLY THE IMPACT
OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S TRAVELS. CARTER

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